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Shot fired as bondsman attempts to serve warrant

MTSU alerts campus to gunman

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MURFREESBORO — A bail bondsman attempting to serve a warrant on a suspect for on a probation violation wound up shooting at his quarry Thursday, throwing the nearby MTSU campus into alert mode through its Twitter page.

Murfreesboro Police spokesman Kyle Evans said the MTSU alert followed incident that occurred around 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of Middle Tennessee Boulevard and Greenland Drive in which two felony recovery agents, or bondsmen, with Cumberland Bonding Co. attempted to serve a warrant on the subject, identified as 34-year-old Randall E. Council.

"The bondsmen approached him near the Mapco and he took off on foot running east," Evans said. "During the foot chase, Council supposedly stopped, turned toward the agents and pointed what appeared to be a gun in their direction. One of the bondsmen fired singled a shot as he hid behind a vehicle."

Council fled while Murfreesboro Police responded to the scene. Evans said a police K9 was employed to track the suspect, but was unsuccessful in locating him.

Evans said Council is wanted on a violation of probation charge out of Cannon County.

"Investigators are looking to see if there are more charges at this time," he said.

Evans said the bondsmen indicated they had information or a tip that Council would be near the Mapco.

The bondsmen stated they did not see any return fire from Council.

Police were still processing the scene at 7:30 p.m.

Evans said Council should be considered armed and dangerous. He is described as a white male, 5-feet, 4-inches tall, about 130 pounds, and was wearing a black jacket with an orange stripe.

Anyone with information about Council's whereabouts should call Murfreesboro Police at 615-893-1311 or Crime Stoppers at 615-895-STOP (7867).